

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In accordance with an embodiment of the present invention, a cell phone is integrated with an answering machine. Messages received by the answering machine may be locally stored in a nonvolatile memory region for later retrieval by a user. In addition, for one embodiment, a message may be remotely retrieved by the user by calling the cell phone. For one embodiment, the incoming call may be screened by the user.

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